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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Heather D Gibbs

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 August 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 April 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments filed 08/16/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that the structural characteristic of Lin et al (US 5,812,285) are different from that the present invention in that 1) each locking hook on the paper cover has wing blocks at both sides thereof; 2) An elastic rib is formed beside each of the mounting hole of the housing and has a top end formed with a catch block and the catch block extends into the mounting hole of the housing; and 3) Lin does not disclose an equivalent structure. Upon further review, the examiner respectfully disagrees. First, Lin fully meets the broad recitation in Claim 1. The examiner is entitled to give the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation, and the locking hook on the paper cover with wing blocks on both side are disclosed in Lin et al in Fig 3 as previously stated in the Office Action. Second, Lin meets the limitation of the elastic rib when he references the resilient member 7 as noted in the previous office action. See Col 2 Lines 29-44. Lastly, applicant's argument regarding Lin not disclosing an equivalent structure is unconvincing. The components that the applicant recited in the Claims 1-4 are indistinguishable from Lin et al. Applicant seems to interpret the claims more narrowly than is justified by the claim language.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lin (US 5,812,285).

For claim 1, Lin discloses a scanner capable of adjusting the height of a paper cover comprising: a housing having a surface defining at least two mounting holes (col. 2, lines 20-28), each of the two mounting holes being formed with two opposite catch plates (col. 2, lines 34-44); a paper cover having an inner surface with at least two locking hooks protruding outward therefrom (Fig. 3), each locking hook including a shank (4, Fig. 3) having a first side and a second side each having a wing block (5, Fig. 3) protruded outward therefrom, each locking hook being mounted in a respective mounting hole of the housing, each wing facing the respective catch plate (col. 2, lines 20-28), and at least two elastic ribs (7, Fig. 3) each mounted beside a respective mounting hole of the housing and each having a top end formed with a catch block (Fig. 3), the catch block having one side extended into the mounting hole to prevent the locking hook from detachment (col. 2, lines 53-65).

For claim 2, Lin discloses each mounting hole of the housing having one end formed with an open shaped opening (6, Fig. 3, col. 2, lines 20-26).

For claim 3, Lin discloses the shank of each locking hook having a surface formed with an opening (4, Fig. 3, col. 2, lines 20-23).

For claim 4, Lin discloses each wing block having a length and width equal to each other (5, Fig. 3, col. 2, lines 31-44).

Conclusion

4. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

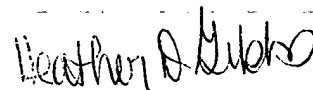
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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Heather D Gibbs whose telephone number is 703-306-4152. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8AM-4PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on 703-305-4712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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